

MINUTES
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF YORK

Adjourned Meeting
March 23, 2000

6:00 p.m.

Meeting Convened. An Adjourned Meeting of the York County Board of Supervisors was called to order at 6:01 p.m., Thursday, March 23, 2000, in the East Room, York Hall, by Vice-Chairman James S. Burgett.

Attendance. The following members of the Board of Supervisors were present: Sheila S. Noll, Donald E. Wiggins, and James S. Burgett.

Melanie L. Rapp arrived at 6:10 p.m.

Also in attendance were Daniel M. Stuck, County Administrator; and James E. Barnett, County Attorney.

PROPOSED FY2001 BUDGET

SCHOOL FUNDING

Mr. Stuck reviewed and discussed his recommendation regarding the proposed FY2001 School Budget. He stated the School Board adopted its budget this week that included an increase in state and federal revenue.

Vice-Chairman Burgett questioned the windfall the School Division was getting.

Mr. Stuck stated the School Board proposed that the windfall be spent on capital items and had allocated a portion of the money for school buses. He explained the windfall freed up some capital money that had not been allocated, and he discussed some of the School Board's options for that money.

Vice Chairman Burgett indicated he agreed with Chairman Zaremba's email on the matter which indicated he was in favor of the School Board buying buses with the money.

Mr. Wiggins agreed with Vice Chairman Burgett, but asked that some of the money to be used to repair a broken sidewalk at Seaford Elementary School.

Mrs. Noll felt some of the money should be put into escrow for future VRS costs and some toward the Little League program.

OTHER FY2001 BUDGET ISSUES

Mr. Stuck reviewed the issues discussed at the March 21, 2000, work session.

Mrs. Noll questioned the amount of money the Colonial Community Corrections Board actually needed.

Mr. Wiggins stated it was in the \$19,000 range.

Mrs. Noll stated she felt the Corrections Board should only receive the amount requested and no more.

Mr. Stuck explained the request was for \$19,812 and that it had been rounded up to \$20,000. He spoke of concerns from both Williamsburg and James City County over the appropriation for the Criminal Justice Planner.

Mr. Wiggins stated that James City and Williamsburg were waiting to see if York County included the Planner in its budget before they incorporated it into their budgets.

Mr. Stuck reported that when the Board last spoke, it agreed to contribute \$5,000 to the Heritage Humane Society. Funding had been decreased for WAMAC by \$5,000, and funding was increased for portable toilets for Parks and Recreation.

Mrs. Noll stated she asked that \$5,000 be added for the arts, and she specified that her request was based on a per capita amount of \$1.00.

Vice Chairman Burgett agreed with Mrs. Noll that \$1.00 per resident was a good amount.

Miss Rapp stated she was not in favor of the increased contribution, that there were other needs to be addressed first such as drainage problems throughout the County.

Mr. Wiggins asked if a decision needed to be made at this meeting.

Mr. Stuck explained that the Board would be voting on these items on April 4 and he would like to confirm the Board's decisions. He suggested if the Board wasn't ready to make a decision, it could allocate the appropriation and decide later whether to spend it or not.

Discussion followed concerning funding for the arts.

By consensus the Board agreed to fund the arts in the amount of \$51,600 to be supplemented by the State's contribution of \$5,000.

Mr. Stuck stated he felt another \$1,000 should be added to fund the use of portable toilets. He stated there was already \$1,700 in the budget, but this would be in addition to that amount.

Vice Chairman Burgett and Mrs. Noll concurred with Mr. Stuck.

Mr. Stuck then discussed the \$100,000 of additional revenue that has not been allocated. His suggestion was to increase the capital budget by that amount and select a few projects to be done such as the lighting at Dare Elementary School. He also reported on the lack of money for renovations of the Yorktown Library, and he explained an increase in the drainage expenditure in the Capital Improvements Program (CIP).

Mr. Burgett suggested the money be placed in the capital program.

Mrs. Noll suggested that the staff conduct some negotiations with the School Board with regard to cost sharing for field lighting.

Miss Rapp indicated she liked the capital project, but she felt that Little League was not a necessity of life, and other County issues should take priority.

Mr. Stuck reviewed the items which would be in the agenda package for the April 4 Board Meeting concerning the budget. He indicated the Board would have material concerning the approval of the Six-Year Capital Improvements Program, a resolution approving and appropriating the budget, an ordinance to adopt the tax rates, and a resolution to designate a portion of the real estate tax rate for school purposes.

Vice Chairman Burgett questioned the reason to establish the portion of the real estate tax rate used for schools.

Mr. Stuck explained that in order to receive maximum funding under the Federal Impact Aid Program, a portion of the real estate tax rate has been allocated specifically by the Board for schools.

Mr. McReynolds then reviewed proposed Resolution R00-32 to approve the budget and appropriate funds for FY2001.

Meeting Recessed. At 6:35 p.m. Vice Chairman Burgett declared a short recess.

Meeting Reconvened. At 6:43 p.m. the meeting was reconvened in open session by order of the Vice Chair.

REQUEST FOR LAND ACQUISITION: WATERMEN'S MUSEUM (Not on Agenda)

Mr. Ross Goble appeared before the Board to ask for the County's help in acquiring land adjacent to the Museum. He felt the museum was a contributing factor to the economic development of Yorktown, and he spoke of the expansion scheduled to be completed before 2006. He stated the Museum could not expand without the acquisition of the land adjacent to it, and he provided the Board members with a map showing the adjacent property. Mr. Goble indicated the property was part of the Mary Mathews estate and, according to her will, would pass to the Jamestown-Yorktown Foundation.

Mrs. Noll asked about the museum's lease agreement.

Mr. Zavodnick, Director of the Watermen's Museum, stated he would like to have a 100-year lease agreement, and it was the museum's desire to acquire the additional property to be used as a parking lot.

Mr. Stuck suggested the gentlemen write the Jamestown-Yorktown Foundation to inform them of their interest in the property when it becomes available.

Mr. Zavodnick asked that the County endorse a letter to the Jamestown-Yorktown Foundation on behalf of the museum stating the County felt the museum was the best use for the property. He also asked for permission to come back before the Board to further discuss the matter if needed.

Mr. Goble stated the Foundation would meet in May, and the Museum should know something after that time.

Meeting Adjourned. At 6:58 p.m. Vice Chairman Burgett declared the meeting adjourned sine die.

Daniel M. Stuck, Clerk
York County Board of Supervisors

Walter C. Zaremba, Chairman
York County Board of Supervisors